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**Meet The Directors: Ronald Wakabayashi – Western Region**

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Hello and thank you for visiting the CRS Western Regional page. My name is Ron Wakabayashi, Regional Director of the CRS Western Regional Office. Our office serves the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada, as well as the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Fifteen percent of the nation's population resides in our region, which is composed a number of dynamic and diverse communities.

The Community Relations Service is the Department of Justice's "peacemaker" for community conflicts related to race, color, and national origin. Such as, allegations of racial profiling, excessive use of force, and disparate treatment in schools. We also help communities address and prevent hate crimes involving race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

Our regional team works closely with municipal officials, school districts, police departments, community organizations, religious groups, tribal communities, advocacy groups, and federal and state agencies.

With the Regional Office located in Los Angeles, as well as a Field Office in San Francisco, our staff is well positioned to serve the diverse communities throughout the Western region. I invite you to contact us at either office for more information about the services CRS can provide to assist your community.